

SENATOR MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner for Item #7, special order. What is the status of LB 954?

CLERK: Mr. President, there are no E & R amendments to LB 954. There are, however, amendments offered by Senator Warner's Appropriation Committee.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Warner, how do you wish to proceed with the amendments to 954?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I think all the amendments on 954 can be adopted. I will move to adopt all of them, but I will explain each of them. If there is one of them that someone wants to pick out to vote on separately, I would obviously have no objection to that but I don't believe any of these are controversial.

SENATOR MARVEL: How many amendments are there?

SENATOR WARNER: There is seven, Mr. President.

SENATOR MARVEL: Then you move the adoption of seven amendments to LB 954.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR MARVEL: Is there a second to that motion? Senator Warner, do you wish to explain the amendments?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. Amendment #1 has no impact upon increasing appropriations. It is totally internal adjustments within the state college appropriations. I should indicate that we write to every agency after the bill is introduced on General File requesting their confirmation of any technical corrections they feel should be considered by the committee and, of course, our own staff reviews each of them for the same reason and most of these amendments here, or I think all of them on this bill, would come out of that kind of review and the agencies are not requested to ask for more funds but only to comment as to the technical accuracy of the language and so all of amendment #1 is a series of those kinds of adjustments within the state college appropriations. Amendment #2 is an increase in authorization of federal funds for the Nebraska Coordinating Commission but this deals with the funds that are available for state student incentive grants and the previous agency's estimate was underestimated and this is to reflect their more recent information as to the amount of funds that will be available for student incentive grants. Number #3 is an adjustment in the University revolving fund estimate, again which there was no impact on general funds in any respect. Amendment #4 again, the language in the bill indicates a first priority for instructional use of funds of general fund money by the Board of Regents for the University and this is an increase in that minimum amount. The figure that we originally calculated was underestimated as to what it should have been. Amendment #5 is some language that should not have been in the bill. As I indicated before, we used the format of last year's appropriation bill and inadvertently this section was picked up when the bill was run on the computers and it is obsolete as it pertained to last year. Amendment #6 is some change in language but there was a variety of reports that were requested, and in some cases, it was the Clerk